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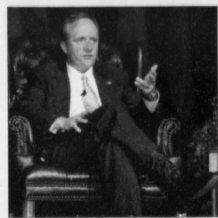
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"The greatest threat to freedom is cynicism, not terrorism." —Paul Begala

Politics, media take center stage

TONY REDELL/Photographer
Paul Begala addresses politics with the audience.

Speakers cite 'secret government' as danger

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Government secrecy and changes in the media since the Watergate scandal was uncovered three decades ago were two topics discussed Oct. 2 by political and media figures Mary Malin, Paul Begala and Bob Woodward at the fourth annual Alumni Lecture Series.

The three experts spent the day at Northern Kentucky University, participating in a book signing, a question-and-answer session for students, and an evening lecture entitled "Governing in America: The President, The Press and The People."

"The danger in our country is secret government," Woodward said, "when you have a small group of people in the White House making secret, important decisions that determine the course of action, particularly in the national security area. We are, in the media, spring-loaded to try to examine these things."

Woodward and his colleague, Carl Bernstein, covered the Watergate scandal for the Washington Post. Their coverage exposed President Richard Nixon's abuse of power, includ-

ing spying on political opponents, and led to his 1974 resignation.

"It exposed the Nixon administration for what it really was," Woodward said. "[And] it taught us that you never know what's gonna turn up."

Woodward, in response to a question by NKU student and College Republican Mike Tobertga, compared his thoughts on the dangers of secret government to an issue currently affecting NKU.

"Do you believe that information brought from another source can be used in an opinion piece in a published newspaper or magazine without having to go through problems with plagiarism?" Tobertga asked.

Tobertga was referring to Trey Omdorff, a fellow College Republican and vice president of academic and student affairs for the Student Government Association, who submitted to *The Northerner* a letter that was more than 60 percent identical to a column previously published by Front Page Magazine.com.

"Well, plagiarism is a bad thing in any case," Woodward replied.

"The key, again, is going back to the premise of the idea of

TONY REDELL/Photographer
Bob Woodward kisses the hand of Mary Malin at the Alumni Lecture Series. The act was a satire of the photograph of French President Jacques Chirac kissing the hand of American First Lady Laura Bush, which ran on the front page of three national newspapers on the same day.

secret government," he added. "The danger is secrecy, and if people get information from someplace, they should say — if they can — where it came from."

Woodward later said he would have handled the situation in the same way as *The Northerner*.

"I would expose it [the plagiarism]," he said.

The Northerner published a news story on the incident in the Oct. 1 issue.

Begala credited Woodward, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and current assistant managing editor for *The Washington Post*, with changing journalism with his investigative reporting of Watergate in the 1970s.

"[Watergate] changed journalism, it changed government — in some ways better, in some ways worse," Begala said.

Begala is co-host of CNN's "Crossfire." He was a senior strategist for the Clinton-Gore

1992 presidential campaign and an advisor to former President Bill Clinton. He is also a professor of government and public policy at Georgetown University.

Begala said the Patriot Act, which was enacted by Congress shortly after Sept. 11, 2001 as an effort to combat terrorism, is "part and parcel of an attitude of secrecy in the current government that is very troubling."

"They don't want you to look

into these things," he said, "and that's an enormous problem for our government."

Malin agreed that the media should play a role in watching the government, but added, "The press paradigm in which we find ourselves today was launched by Bob Woodward and his uncovering of Watergate."

Malin, former assistant to

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Shields to retire at season's end

He will continue to educate, influence students

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At a Tuesday afternoon press conference, men's basketball Head Coach Ken Shields announced his retirement, effective following the 2003-2004 season, which will mark his sixteenth season as head coach for the Norse.

"After 40 years of coaching basketball, I am definitely going to miss it," Shields said. "I just feel like it's time."

Shields has compiled a 290-155 career coaching record while at Northern Kentucky University, making him the winningest coach in school history. Prior to his career at NKU, Shields coached for 23 years in the high school ranks, at both St. Thomas and Highlands high schools.

The NKU basketball program had an all-time record of 244 wins and 213 losses, with only one appearance in the NCAA Division II tournament, before Shields took over.

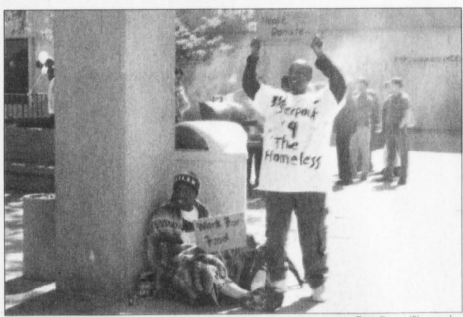
The program has flourished under Shields, becoming one of the most dominant in the country. He has led NKU to three Great Lakes Valley Conference regular season championships and seven appearances in the

Tim Downer/Photographer
Ken Shields announced plans to retire at the end of the 2003-2004 season.

NCAA Division II tournament, including two trips to the national championship.

The announcement was not a complete surprise. Shields was quoted in the Cincinnati Enquirer last May as saying this season would likely be his last. Basketball players Mike Kelsey and Jesse Rupe also have discussed this possibility of Shields' retirement.

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BRIAN CULAN/Photographer

Students feign poverty for a day

Michael Wade and Carleen Robinson, members of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, took up temporary residence outside of the University Center last week while promoting their annual "Sleep Out for the Homeless" on Oct. 2.

Fraternity fights homelessness

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The Phi Beta Sigma chapter at Northern Kentucky University held its annual "Sleep Out for the Homeless" on Oct. 2. Members collected canned food items, clothes and monetary donations, and raised awareness for homelessness.

"It's been a program that the fraternity has done [nationally] for the past

80 years," said Jermar Mack, sophomore recording and corresponding secretary for the fraternity.

The NKU chapter has sponsored the program on campus for the past eight years.

PBS Vice President Michael Wade and other members began the dramatization during lunch by asking for donations in front of the University Center and visiting each department on campus.

Other members of the fraternity later joined them in front of Norse Commons and stayed outdoors with sleeping bags and cardboard covers until 1:15 a.m., as the temperature dropped below 37 degrees.

"It's something you don't really think about, unfortunately," sophomore Jillian Sample said. "The guys from Phi Beta Sigma coming out and doing this brings it into reality and

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Breast Cancer Awareness

Awareness and self-exams are key to early detection.

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Women's Volleyball

Norse defeat University of Missouri-St. Louis and come out 6-1 in GLVC play.

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OCT 4 2003
 Saturday-05:16pm
Classification: MEDICAL RESPONSE-Squad
Location: REGENTS HALL/WEIGHT ROOM
Summary: Subject requested medical assistance at the listed location. The Central Campbell County Squad responded and transported the subject to St. Luke East for further treatment.
Disposition: Closed

OCT 4 2003
 Saturday-11:36am
Classification: TRAFFIC-Vehicle Stop
Location: UNIVERSITY DRIVE AT SUNSET DRIVE
Summary: Officer observed a vehicle being operated with an unrestrained juvenile inside. Driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Failure to Use a Child Restraint Device.
Disposition: Closed

OCT 2 2003
 Thursday-11:11 am
Classification: THEFT-Larceny From a Building
Over \$300
Location: BEP BUILDING
Summary: Subject reported the theft of several payroll checks from listed location.
Disposition: Under investigation

OCT 2 2003
 Thursday-11:17 am
Classification: ENDANGERMENT-Endangering Welfare of Minor
Location: PARKING LOT G
Summary: Subject let a minor unattended in a parked vehicle at listed location for extended period of time. Subject was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Endangering Welfare of Minor.
Disposition: Closed

Students will 'Take Back The Night'
 "Take Back The Night," a candlelight ceremony to draw attention to domestic violence, will be held Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Plaza level in front of the University Center. The event is sponsored by the Women's Studies department, and candles will be provided. For more information, call 572-5550.

Mack returns to NKU
 The Northern Kentucky University Art Department hosted a reception Oct. 2 for David Mack, a 1995 graduate of NKU. Mack writes and illustrates his comic, "Kabuki," as well as "Marvel Comics' "Daredevil." Some of Mack's

stories were used in last summer's feature film version of "Daredevil." Mack's work will be on display until Oct. 31 in the main gallery of the Fine Arts Building.

Essay contest announced
 The Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement and The Kentucky Post will sponsor as part of NKU's Democracy Day an essay contest open to NKU students. The topic of the essays is "Why Vote?" and three winning essays will be selected. Each winner will receive \$100. Only one entry per student is permitted, and essays must be submitted both as a hard copy to OS 536 and electronically to dipadvastoc@nku.edu. The deadline is

Oct. 17 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Dr. Laurie DiPadova-Stacks at 572-1448.

Seminar offers lessons
 The NKU Small Business Center, with co-sponsor Huntington Bank, offered a free seminar Oct. 2 for small business owners. Attendees received information on setting up an accounting system and analyzing business trends. The seminar is offered each spring and fall semester. For more information contact Janice Hanks at 572-6524 or at hankaj@nku.edu.

WKU wins awards
 WKU recently won three awards from the Ohio chapter of the Society for Professional

Journalists. News reporters Maryanne Zelenik and Joy Hanelman won two first place awards for "Best Investigative Reporting" for their coverage of eminent domain, and "Best Coverage of Minority Issues" for coverage of racial tensions in Greater Cincinnati. Hanelman also won second place for "Best Government Coverage" for his coverage of the Cincinnati City Council.

Students enjoy arts
 The second annual Enjoy The Arts/START 20/20 II Festival was held Oct. 6, sponsored by the music department as part of an initiative by Enjoy The Arts to involve more students in local creative and performing arts.

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Tiger attacks Roy of 'Siegfried and Roy'
 A tiger attacked Roy Horn, half of the legendary Siegfried & Roy act, during an Oct. 3 Las Vegas performance. Roy is in stable condition at a Las Vegas hospital. The 600-pound white tiger lunged at Horn's arm, bit his neck and dragged him off the stage. Horn suffered massive bleeding but was rushed to the hospital for immediate surgery. The Siegfried & Roy act has been postponed indefinitely.

For now, telemarketers cannot call names on list
 Oct. 7 that telemarketers may not call any of the 51 million phone numbers on the national "do-no-call" list. The court said telemarketers must respect the wishes of those on the list until it decides if the list is a violation of telemarketers' free speech rights. Telemarketers may be fined up to \$11,000 if they violate the order.

Limbaugh resigns after allegedly racist remarks
 Controversial radio and sports commentator Rush Limbaugh resigned his position as an ESPN sports analyst last week after saying that Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb "got a lot of credit...that he didn't deserve" because the media wants to see a black quarterback succeed. Limbaugh said Oct. 1 that his comments were "directed at the media and were not racially motivated." Also, Florida law enforcement officials confirmed Oct. 2 that they are investigating Limbaugh for illegally buying prescription drugs after his former housekeeper said she supplied him with OxyContin and Hydrocodone over a four-year period.

AAC asks D.C. for funds to combat AIDS

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Members of the Northern Kentucky University Association of African Charities met with political leaders in Washington, D.C. Sept. 26-29 to lobby President Bush to provide \$3 billion he promised to Africa for his fight against AIDS.

AAC President Chanda Kapota, Vice President for Research Lovingson Mtongwiza and administrator Selina Oladapo traveled to the nation's capital for a national AIDS conference, organized by the Global AIDS alliance.

"Our main purpose is to fight against AIDS and help the poor," Kapota said.

Mtongwiza said the Bush administration promised to allocate \$3 billion dollars to Africa to be used to combat the continent's spread of AIDS, but so far only \$2 billion is set aside.

"If we can give \$87 billion to

Iraq and Afghanistan, why can't we give \$1 billion to Africa?" he asked.

"The reason they gave us is that Africa does not have the capacity -- infrastructure, personnel -- to support the \$1 billion," Mtongwiza said. "The purpose was to make a statement by lobbying the President to tell him the country does have the capacity."

He said people came to the conference from around the world and "it made us see what is really going on."

"It's not just a Africa thing," Mtongwiza said of AIDS. "It's all over the world."

The AAC members were invited to speak at the conference because each member is a native of Africa and could testify to the nation's problems.

"We brought awareness," Mtongwiza said. "We were invited so we can tell our stories. We were their examples."

Kapota said the \$1 billion is needed to buy medicine to treat AIDS in Africa.



Photo courtesy of AAC/C. Chanda Kapota

AAC members Lovingson Mtongwiza, Selina Oladapo, and Chanda Kapota pose with advisor Mary Carol Hopkins at the conference.

The AAC will observe World AIDS Day on Dec. 1 by wearing black and encourage students to

do the same. They will also hold an essay contest and hope to bring a speaker to campus.

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SGA delays contested resolution

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The Student Government Association tabled indefinitely its resolution to take a more active role in fee allocation and activities programming.

SGA members voted 26-6 to send the proposal to the table at the Oct. 6 meeting.

"The resolution is in the garbage," said Activities Programming Board President and SGA Senator Dustin Lewis, who helped write the resolution.

Lewis said he was upset that the senate's decision "leaves APB's situation up in the air."

"SGA thinks they're on the ball...for months now SGA has been in the exact same place," he

Several student organizations oppose increase in control of funding allocation

said. "This demonstrates that the senate does not back this goal up," Lewis said.

Some SGA members found the resolution too weak or vague.

SGA President Chris Pace said there were no enforcement provisions in the bill and that it seemed like more of an "opinion statement" than a resolution.

Senator Michael Tobegrita said the resolution "didn't clarify anything."

"Students would not be better off from the bill," he said.

Some members found fault with the goals of allocation control over the Legacy Fund and Programming and Activities Fund.



SGA President
Chris Pace

SGA Senator Brandon Hill presented petitions from concerned student organizations who "are vehemently opposed to a student organization having control over other student's potential funding," according to one petition.

SGA Senator Daniel Moore spoke on behalf of the Film Society against the allocation measures.

Dean of Students and SGA adviser Kent Kelso was unable to attend the meeting but had previously expressed concern over the possibility of SGA control over the two funding sources.

"It's very obvious to me that SGA is getting more political. We're seeing

more partisan politics coming into SGA," he said.

He said partisan politics and favoritism might influence SGA's funding choices and could be dangerous in fee allocation.

Kelso said "denying funding based on the content of the proposed activity, on the ideology of a group" could get the university into legal trouble.

"As a university administrator I am charged with, trained to, and committed to fairness and equity across the board for students and faculty," Kelso said. "SGA is not. At least I don't know of anything in writing that says they are. I haven't seen anything yet that has shown a commitment on their part to that."

Groups who opposed the Allocation and Programming Resolution:

- Common Ground
- Black Men's Organization
- Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity
- The Latino Student Union
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- Students for the Relegalization of Hemp
- Students Together Against Racism
- The Film Society
- NAACP NKU chapter



TONY REDELL/Photographer

Matalin, Begala and Woodward engage in political discourse with a large crowd at Regents Hall.

Lecture

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President George W. Bush and current consultant to Vice President Dick Cheney, said one problem with the press is its tendency to cover the exact same issues.

She said this tendency, which she called a "herd mentality," fosters competition between media outlets. She said it often causes breaking news to "take precedence over what is right."

"The press instinctively moves toward the same news," Matalin said. "It has a very powerful impact when they're going in the same direction."

Matalin said she believes the media, due to the pressures of competition, now spend less time researching stories and often present news that has less depth and accuracy than in the past.

These qualities, she said, are what have caused policy makers to be less open with reporters.

"We tend to be more scripted than I feel should be," she said. Woodward agreed the "herd

mentality," has an effect on news coverage, especially coverage of the alleged leak of a CIA agent's identity to the press.

"There is a bit of a feeding frenzy about it," he said. "But there is a feeling in the media that we're being stifled, and anything that will get some investigative authority in there to examine what went on will achieve that accountability that most people in our business seek."

Begala, referring to another story heavily covered by the media, said the California gubernatorial recall is "God's gift to cable TV."

"It's a bad idea, because politicians have to make tough decisions as it is," he said. "This will make it much more difficult."

In terms of the press, well-oiled functioning of government, it looks bad to have a recall," Woodward said. "But there's something kind of pure and sweet about it that doesn't

disturb me, as a believer in the constitutional systems and accountability."

The actions President Bush took to initiate the Iraq war were also discussed during the lecture.

Begala said he believes President Bush was mistaken in leading the nation into war with Iraq based upon the premise that Saddam Hussein was an imminent danger to America.

"I believe President Bush misled us deeply about this war," he said. "I believed then and I know now that [Saddam Hussein] posed no threat to America. The President should not put our troops in harm's way unless he's sure."

Woodward disagreed. "I think they went to war in Iraq for convictions - beliefs - that they had," he said. "I disagree with Paul on this idea that the President, necessarily, misled us about the weapons of mass destruction. At the same time, there is a giant problem that they have not found them."

Internet offers help, temptation to students

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The Internet makes it easier than ever for students to research their schoolwork but, for many, it also offers the temptation to cheat.

Recent studies show that an increasing number of college students across the nation use the Internet as a source for plagiarism.

Donald L. McCabe, management professor at Rutgers University, conducted a recent study of the relationship between students and Internet plagiarism.

Thirty-eight percent of more than 18,000 students surveyed admitted to taking part in this form of plagiarism, often referred to as the "cut-and-paste" method.

Nearly half of the students surveyed did not consider it to be cheating.

The Northern Kentucky University Writing Center defines plagiarism as "the deliberate copying of other people's sentences or ideas without giving them due credit."

Internet plagiarism is becoming a problem at NKU, according to Dr. Ron Hoffman, a professor in the honors program.

"It's easy to plagiarize if you're not careful," he said. "The Internet has just made it easier."

Hoffman said that students might not think Internet plagiarism is cheating.

"In most cases it's not conscious," he said. "(Students) don't always have intentions of cheating. Cheating is when you consistently go to a source and pass it off as your own."

Freshman Mary Jo Baker said many of her friends got in trouble for Internet plagiarism in high school.

"I don't think they really know what they're doing," she said. "They think, 'Okay, as long as I reword this I'll be fine.'"

Hoffman said the most common problem is that many students have different interpretations of the distinction between paraphrasing and plagiarizing. "They think changing a few words is good enough," he said.

"Stuff they say is stuff you would want to," freshman Michael Clements said. "People that aren't trying to [plagiarize] will still get blamed - it happens every day. Plagiarism is copying straight-up."

Paraphrasing is doing it in your own words.

The NKU Writing Center can help students avoid falling

into this trap, according to student Sharon Schuchter, a writing center consultant.

"We help them get [their own] ideas and find research materials," she said.

Hoffman thinks there may be a solution to the issue.

"We need to teach students how to properly use resources," he said.

If college students were taught how to successfully utilize their resources, Hoffman believes there would be a much less incidence of plagiarism in his classrooms, however.

"I come up with topics that are not likely to have papers online about," he said.

By coming up with assignments that rely less on facts and more on critical thinking, Hoffman has less to worry about when it comes to plagiarism.

Hoffman also attempts to discourage students from depending entirely on the Internet for their resources. "If [plagiarism] has always been a problem, it's not the Internet's fault," he said.

Some students disagree, however.

"It's way, way too easy," said freshman Cara Beasley. "You can even get term papers online."

Homeless

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puts it in perspective."

"We're going to let the students at NKU know that there are people less fortunate and need our help," Mack said.

"Imagine if it was your reality," PBS President Brian Carpenter said.

"It's always good to give back," he added. "You never know what difference you can make. If you give a little change, you'll make change in someone's heart, home [or] family."

Lyndsey Yeager, senior speech communications, said she believes that PBS does a tremendous job bringing awareness to social issues, considering the fraternity has only six active members.

"I think it's wonderful and for a good cause," she said. "The Sigmas do it every year, and I think people should support their programming."

Phi Beta Sigma was founded to teach its members to be involved in community issues,

rather than using a college education to advance only themselves and their families.

Proceeds from the event were given to the Welcome House of Northern Kentucky, which provides services for homeless and poor families and individuals.

For those interested in contributing, but who missed the activities, donations may be taken to the Welcome House, 200 Pike St. in Covington, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

What's Up... in Campus Rec?

Where the ACTION is!

Racquetball League

Entries Due: Tue, Oct. 14th
Player's Meeting: Thur, Oct. 16th
@ 6PM in HC308
Play Begins: Mon, Oct. 20th

Indoor Soccer League

Entries Due: Tue, Oct. 14th
Captain's Meeting: Thur, Oct. 16th
@ 6:30PM in HC308
Play Begins: Sun, Oct. 19th



AIDS: No Cure, Option: Latexology

Tuesday, October 14 @ 7pm
University Suites Multipurpose Room

Until science provides a vaccine or a cure, the proper use of latex and spermicides are our option. Join Michele Kay, of the NKU Student Health Office in an eye opening discussion of this topic. Free Refreshments provided.



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Picture of the week



A lone deer prances through the high grass through farmland in Pendleton County.
Tony Redell/Photographer

Corrections:

Sept. 24 issue: Jamie Manning, who submitted a Letter to the Editor, is a second year freshman, marketing major.
Oct. 1 issue: The e-mail address for Delta Sigma Theta sorority is ds1913@nku.edu. The organization's website is currently being serviced.

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WELLNESS FAIR

for NKU Students, Faculty and Staff

Thursday
Oct. 16th 11am-3pm

Campus Recreation Center

(Albright Health Center 1st Floor)

The Wellness Fair is a showcase of over 65 area Wellness vendors who have information and testing that covers everything from Massage Therapy, Nutrition and Sexual Health to Credit Counseling, Ergonomics and Environmental issues. Free refreshments and prizes will be available to everyone and one lucky student will win a Lap-top Computer by participating in the Alcohol 101 booth.

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Horoscope

Aries

(March 21-April 20)
Delicate issues of privacy, shared family information or parent/child dynamics may require special attention. Early this week, loved ones are sensitive to subtle comments or unusual suggestions. Remain diplomatic and plan enjoyable leisure activities. Distraction and new social events will improve strained relations.

Taurus

(April 21-May 20)
This week, lovers and long-term friends respond positively to creative proposals. Home agreements and bold discussions will help expand key relationships. Use this time to foster emotional intimacy between loved ones. Wednesday through Friday, a friend or close co-worker requests detailed advice.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21)
Yesterday's promises will no longer influence key relationships. Early this week, expect trusted friends and potential lovers to openly discuss their past regrets. Repeated social patterns, childhood experiences or family power struggles may all be highlighted. Listen closely for indications of revised long-term goals.

Cancer

(June 22-July 22)
Money strategies and short-term home plans may trigger detailed discussions. Loved ones or close friends will propose large purchases, revised contracts or shared expenses. Stay focused and avoid rushed decisions. After Wednesday, romantic and social invitations increase.

Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22)

Long-term romance and social acceptance are continuing themes. Early this week, discuss private concerns with loved ones and expect valid, detailed advice. A close friend may bring a unique perspective to complex decisions. Ask probing questions and confidently express your needs.

Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Work demands will steadily increase over the next four days. Late Tuesday, carefully plan daily schedules or ask officials for special consideration. Home events and family gatherings will also compete for your undivided attention. Expect fast changes and late cancellations. Wednesday through Saturday, a key relationship may require honest discussion and new emotional rules.

Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Minor attractions may lead to passionate romantic encounters. Although new relationships are positive, expect potential lovers to temporarily avoid meaningful promises.

Scorpio

(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Late Tuesday morning, unexpected social comments will cause controversy. Younger friends or relatives may also display poor judgment concerning recent romantic triangles or delicate family decisions. Be diplomatic and wait for an improved atmosphere.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Home relations are complex and draining over the next four days. After Monday, roommates and family members may be unusually critical of group plans or new social opinions.

Delicate issues of workplace acceptance, ethical standards or recent business failures may be on the agenda. Remain silent. At present, open discussions will create tension. Thursday through Sunday, minor romantic and social jealousies will fade. Expect potential lovers to offer clear statements.

Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
Financial planning is important to the success of long-term projects. Openly discuss potential setbacks with loved ones, older officials or work partners. A careful examination of the facts may greatly reduce risk. After midweek, an old friend may be moody or unresponsive. Don't push for answers.

Aquarius

(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Changing priorities, minor disagreements and late social reversals may be annoying over the next nine days. Remain patient but offer a solid description of your intentions. Potential friends and lovers need to be made aware of your long-term expectations.

Pisces

(Feb. 20-March 20)
A distant friend may request business advice. Old work partnerships, records or employment contracts will require detailed verification. Provide strict guidelines and concrete explanations. Over the next two weeks, loved ones will rely heavily on your insight. Late Friday, a romantic invitation will prove delightful. However, avoid statements of affection or public promises.

By Lasha Senik
Knight Rider/Tribune News Service (KRT)

How are you feeling in these uncertain times?



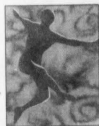
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Stressed?



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OCTOBER IS Breast Cancer AWARENESS MONTH

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He was only 17 when he learned that his mom had breast cancer. Tom Geiger, now a Northern Kentucky University freshman, said his family didn't tell him about his mother's illness until three months after her diagnosis because they didn't want to upset him.

"My older siblings knew but they tell me because I was in high school and they didn't want to upset me," he said.

When Geiger's mother was diagnosed in 2001, she was 49 years old and had eight children to care for, the youngest was only 9 years old. The cancer was in one breast and starting to spread to the other when doctors found it.

"I was wondering how bad the cancer was and if my mom was going to die or not," Geiger said.

Geiger's family is one of many affected by breast cancer each year. According to www.cancer.org, 211,300 women and 1,300 men will learn that they have breast cancer and 40,200 people are expected to die from the disease in 2003.

NKU students may notice some of their classmates or professors

wearing pink ribbon lapel pins throughout the month of October, to acknowledge National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The pink ribbons have become a powerful symbol to increase the awareness about breast cancer, especially the importance of early detection of breast cancer, which strikes women of all ages.

Geiger said his mother's treatment included chemotherapy and having her breasts removed. The treatments and surgery took a toll on his mom, Geiger said. "She would just come home and sleep," he said.

His mother had to quit working during this time, and Geiger said he and his siblings took care of things around the house but never talked about what was happening to their mom. "We didn't feel right about talking about it," Geiger said. "We were just hoping and praying, because I didn't know how serious it was at the time, I was just trying to get her through it. Making sure she was comfortable, give her a quiet place to sleep during the day so she wouldn't be woken up."

Geiger said that the recovery process took about six months, but his mom is now living her life normally and she goes for a checkup at

MONTHLY SELF-EXAMINATION

Checking yourself monthly is essential in early detection. Here are the steps.

- 1) In front of a mirror inspect your breasts for any abnormalities.
- 2) Raise an arm above your head. Use three or four fingers of the opposite hand. Examine your breasts. Start at the outer edge and move in circles towards the nipple slowly. Include the underarm area.
- 3) Gently squeeze nipples checking for discharge.
- 4) Repeat process on the other side.
- 5) Repeat steps 1-4 while lying down.

Source: Glamour Hand in Hand brochure. For more information call the NKU Health Counseling and Prevention services at (859) 572-5650.

least once a month.

While Geiger's mom is towards the end of her recovery, the process has just begun for Chad Bertke's grandmother. About a month ago, Bertke, a junior marketing major, said they diagnosed his 79-year-old grandmother with breast cancer. "At first I was shocked," he said. "Then I just asked, 'Why?' It just didn't make sense."

Doctors found the cancer in her left breast and performed surgery to determine if the cancer had spread to the lymph nodes, Bertke said. "With cancer in her lymph nodes, it could spread out to the rest of her body," he said. "That was what scared me the most."

They learned, from this first surgery that the cancer was not in her lymph nodes, but they did not remove all of it, Bertke said. His grandmother decided to have a mastectomy.

Since her surgery Bertke said his grandma seems to be doing well. She started radiation and will have it once a month for six months.

"The hardest part about this whole thing is the actual scare of cancer," Bertke said.

Bertke said the situation is particularly difficult for his grandfather. "For my grandpa it's more emotional because he used to things happening to him, he had cancer previously," Bertke said. "He wishes it was him instead of her."

Geiger's mom and Bertke's grandmother are breast cancer survivors. The American Cancer Society believes that early detection examinations and tests can help save lives. Breast cancer can be found early by self-examinations, physical examinations by a healthcare professional.

As women age, their risk of getting breast cancer increases, but this doesn't mean that it could not happen to a woman in her twenties. The ACS suggests that after the age of 20 have a nurse or doctor check your breasts yearly, be familiar with how your breasts feel and what is normal for you, examine your breasts monthly, see a doctor if you see or feel any changes, eat a low-fat diet, don't smoke, exercise, and drink in moderation, if at all. After age of 40 begin having annual screening mammograms and those with a family history of breast cancer should talk to their doctor about additional screening.

Tea Time

with Susan

Weage shakes up NKU

Marian Weage is not a typical student. In fact, her youngest child is 24 years older than the average 18-year-old college student. Weage is a 69-year-old, first-year theatre major who made her debut on Northern Kentucky University's stage as Rebecca Nurse in this year's performance of "The Crucible."

Weage said she always wanted to go back to school, but never had the money to pursue her dream.

"One day I was walking down the street," Weage said, "and there was a young girl - and she was a single mom who went here - and we were talking about school."

As they discussed school Weage mentioned that she could not afford to go. The girl stopped her and told her about the Donovan Scholarship, which offers free tuition for people over 65 who want to go back to school.

"So I called up the school and said, 'Is this true?'" she said. "When told that it was, Weage said, 'Okay when do I start?'"

Weage said her children, who have all gone to college, have been very supportive of her, and on her birthday in May they bought her a backpack on wheels filled with school supplies.

Weage said she was proud of all of her children and their accomplishments. Her oldest and her youngest daughters both are chiropractors, her middle daughter teaches music and theatre at an elementary school and her son studied theatre and is now a casting director in New York City.

"They caught the (acting) bug from me, that's for sure," Weage said. "I did a lot of community theatre and some professional theatre."

Weage has done other things in her life revolving around acting, she said. She and a Lexington man act in commercials for Indiana Beach, an amusement park about an hour-and-a-half from Indianapolis, for 13 years and, Weage said, they have become almost famous around the area.

"Last year we made a personal appearance," she said.

This being her first year at NKU, Weage said she was excited about her part in the play. "I was kind of happy to get a part right away," she said. "The kids are just great. I'm accepted as just one of them."

"I have never felt, 'Oh, here is his old lady, why should we bother with her?'" she said. "It's been really nice. I've been encouraged and accepted into the fold."

Weage said the rest of the people at the university have been as accepting as the people in the theatre department.

"I like the courtesy here at NKU," Weage said. "They stress when you are given notes from the director you say, 'Thank you.' I see it done by everyone here on campus."

Weage said, while she is taking 13 hours at NKU, and acting in "The Crucible," she also works as a church secretary for St. Paul United Church of Christ and works, on occasion, for Grand Bahamas Vacations.

"Sometimes I think, 'Oh my gosh, I'm so busy I need to get rid of something,'" Weage said. "Then I feel I have too much free time so I have to add something."

She said she just added sewing for "Lucky Stiff," the third play this season.

Before she began school, her son said, "Oh Mom, you are just going to shake things up at NKU!" Weage said.

And even with her busy lifestyle it seems she has, because Weage said she is just having a blast going to school and learning.

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Photo: Illustration by Alan Barnes
Photo: Photo: Michael Ward/Staff Writer

campuscalendar

wednesday

- **Lunch for a buck** in the University Center at noon.
- **The Black Women's Organization** will have a lecture in Black Commons at 6:30 p.m.
- **The Academic Advising Council** meetings are held from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Lucas Administrative Center (AC) 722. Meetings are held monthly.
- **A World Premiers Concert** will be from 8-9:30 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for students. Seating is limited! For information and tickets call 572-6399.

thursday

- **The National Depression Screening Day** will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Theta Phi Alpha** will have a Bake Sale from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in Landrum on the plaza level.
- **Zeta Phi Beta** will have their Blue & White study night in Room Commons from 6:30-8 p.m.
- **Phi Beta Sigma** will have an Interest Meeting at 10 p.m. in UC 303.
- **The Black Women's Organization** is having a "Girls Night Out" at 10 p.m. at Gateworks.

friday

- **The Northerner** will have their first open house from 2-4 p.m. in their office, UC 209.
- **The annual Pumpkin Bust** will be in the intramural field at 4:30 p.m. For more information or to register, contact the APB in the Office of Student Life at 572-6514.
- **Theta Phi Alpha** will have their Crush Party 8 p.m.
- To help the fight against breast cancer, NKU is celebrating **LEE National Denim Day**. All employees who would like to participate can drop off their \$5 donation in AC 708 by today. They will also receive a pink ribbon pin to wear throughout the day.

saturday

- **The Nurse Leadership Society** presents the Emerging Leader Conference from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the University Center. This is for high school juniors and seniors and NKU freshmen and sophomores who are interested in becoming leaders on the campus. The conference is designed to provide opportunities for social interaction and train students for future leadership roles at NKU. Contact Student Life for more information.
- **Delta Zeta** is having their kickball tournament from 1-5 p.m. in the intramural field. Admission is \$2 and the proceeds will go to the hearing impaired.

sunday

- **Delta Gamma** will be having their "Powderpuff Games" on the Intramural Fields.

monday

- A presentation of "Magic with Mathematics: Is the formula faster than the eye?" will be in the Budig Theater from 7:30-9 p.m.
- **The new NKU Orchestra** will have their premier concert of the season from 8-9:30 p.m. in Greaves Concert Hall. It is free and everyone is welcome! For information, please call 572-6399.
- "Safer Drinking" presentation by Dr. PenLou Goddard will be held in Budig Theater at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- **Faculty will begin submitting mid-term grades for freshmen.**
- **The NKU Jazz Ensemble** will be performing in Greaves Concert Hall from 8-9:30 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is invited.
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tuesday

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Photo by: DJ CARTER

A model proudly supports Breast Cancer Awareness by wearing Lee jeans.

Friday is Denim Day

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In the honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Campus Recreation Wellness office, headed by Sue Roth, associate director for Wellness and Fitness in the Campus Recreation department, is participating in Lee National Denim Day.

This is the world's largest single-day fundraiser for breast cancer, according to the Denim Day web site.

On Friday, Oct. 10, all students are invited to wear denim and donate \$5 to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in the research, education, screening and treatment programs for breast cancer.

Students are welcome to donate more to the cause if they desire.

This campaign is more directed to faculty and staff, but anyone is welcome to participate and donate. Donors will also receive a pink ribbon pin, which symbolizes breast cancer awareness.

This is a nationwide fundraiser to promote awareness and also educate people on the topic of breast cancer.

The money raised in this area, however, stays in this area and is only spent locally, said Roth.

Employees who would like to participate can drop off their donations in the Human Resources Office, AC 708. Make checks payable to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

This is the third year NKU has been involved, and the eighth year Lee jeans has sponsored the day.

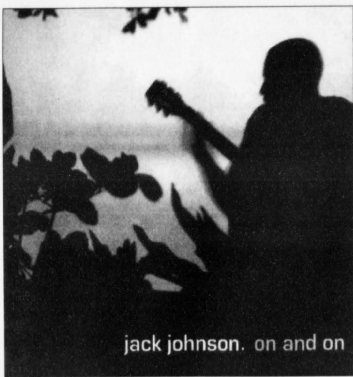
In the past, NKU has raised approximately \$600 for the foundation, however, according to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation website, nationwide the event has raised more than \$36 million in the past eight years to find a cure for the disease.

For more information on breast cancer awareness on the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation web site at www.komen.org or about the National Denim Day at www.denimday.com.

Music Review

'On and On' a perfect dose of fun

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jack johnson. on and on

Cover art for Jack Johnson's second album On and On

The last thing the world needs is another warm-voiced, white boy, acoustic guitar, reggae rip-off singer/songwriter. At least, that's what I thought before I listened to Jack Johnson's *On and On*.

Johnson, a successful professional surfer-turned successful indie-movie maker-turned successful underground musician, is not what I expected to hear. I thought I would find the kind of radio-friendly, over-produced musician that bubbly high school girls listen to.

His songs filled with soul, blues and reggae, combined to form jams with interesting imagery and heart.

Johnson's voice is pleasant and real. He does not try too hard, his singing style is laid-back and perfect for his type of rainy-day, relaxed-beach, party music.

Johnson's guitar playing is smooth and original, and his sparse back-up band is incredibly talented. According to Johnson's website, Adam Topol, his percussionist, studied at Berklee College of Music. Throughout the album, Topol has impeccable timing and creative drum tracks. This is heard especially in tracks like "The Horizon Has Been Defeated" and "Taylor."

Even though Topol's drumming is the most complex I've heard in a while, it doesn't take a way from the relaxed, down-home appeal of Johnson's music.

Bassist Merlo Podelewski compliments Johnson's tunes with melodies the music world hasn't seen since Led Zeppelin's bassist Jon Paul Jones or Yes's Brian Squire.

Mix this combination with interesting books and sing-along lyrics, and you have Johnson's *On and On* — an album that is just like hot chocolate for your ears. It tastes great and goes down smoothly and soothingly.

For Johnson, less is more. His songs are beautiful, catchy, but not annoying, and above all they don't put on any pretenses.

No overproduction is heard on the album, no strings, no horns, just Johnson and his friends jamming. The songs span from barely a minute long to four-minute jams. Some of his coolest songs would be wearisome and would drag the album down if they were pumped full of solos and repeated chords.

Instead, Johnson's s shorter tracks are like delicious snacks; if you ate too much you would be sick, but mixed in with the great songs they seem like special treats.

The lyrical content of this album is rich. Johnson's songs range from girls to life's philosophies to poignant social criticism. He pulls this off with melancholy love ballads, short mellow jams, funky reggae rhythms and revamped blues all in his acoustic "So Cal" surfer style.

With Beatles-like melodies and Bob Marley-influenced rhythm, Johnson tells many a beautifully-worded tale.

One of his standout tracks is "Cookie Jar," which deals with violence portrayed in the media and who or what is to blame. Johnson can deal with an issue as serious as school shootings and still lay down a killer beat and infectious rhythm.

The disc ends with the beautiful, stripped-down song, "Symbol in my Driveway," which has soft surf noises and the faint voices of friends and children in the background.

On and On is a great mix of songs. Some will want to make you rise up, others will make you want to fall in love, and some definitely will make you weep, want to fall in love.

The album, unlike so many recently released, can be listened to in one sitting because there is no filler, only the bare essence. Nothing is longer than it needs to be, and therefore, everything is interesting and authentic.

If you liked Johnson's 2000 debut, *Brushfire Fairytales*, you'll be even more pleased with *On and On*. It retains the same stuff you loved from the first album, but packs in new experience, skill, and growth.

It's everything you want to see from an artist's sophomore record: more mature but not on some experimental tangent.

If you are a music fan I seriously suggest you buy this album because, no matter what genre you prefer, we all need a little dose of fun and relaxation, and Jack Johnson's the best stuff you can take.

People looking for a Halloween fright can find one

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Halloween is creeping upon the county quickly. To feel the festive mood of this holiday, several local haunted houses and trails are now open for the Halloween season. Here is a list of locations for students looking for a night of fright:

USS Nightmares

Located at the Newport Waterfront, this popular haunted boat tour is now more than 30 minutes long and offers a new "interactive Dreamulator." Every Wednesday, students get \$4 off the price of admission with a valid student ID. Regular admission is \$12.

(USS Nightmares: 1 Madison Ave., (859) 292-2445. Hours: 7 to 11 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday; 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 7 to 11 p.m. Sunday.)

The Middletown Haunted Trail

Guests who brave the haunted trail can also enjoy a new event introduced this year called The Temple of Terror. Admission is \$10 for the haunted trail, \$7 for the Temple of Terror or \$15 for both events. Parking is an additional \$2, but all parking proceeds are donated to the Madison Volunteer Fire Department Association. For directions, visit the website at www.middletownhauntedtrail.com.

The Middletown Haunted Trail, 7747 Meyers Rd., (513) 423-9960. Hours: Open every Friday and Saturday from dusk until midnight.

Fearfirst

Paramount's Kings Island is offering "fright by night, fun by day," with family activities during the day and scarier events at night. Attractions vary from pumpkin decorating contests to haunted mazes and trails like the PsychoPark. Admission to Fearfirst is free with the purchase of a family ticket to the park at \$24.99.

Location: 3688 Kings Island Dr. Hours: Family-friendly

6 to 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. "Horror at Night" 3 p.m. to midnight Saturday, and 3 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

The Haunted House

The Dent Schoolhouse is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary as a haunted house and claims to be "Cincinnati's frightful favorite." Admission is \$9, and there will be opportunities to donate to local youth charities at each event.

The Haunted House, 5963 Harrison Ave., (513) 598-4600. Hours: 7:30 p.m.-unspecified time, Friday and Saturday; 7:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

The Mt. Healthy Haunted House

This location started over 10 years ago and has expanded to now include more rooms to explore and a haunted maze to navigate. Admission is \$6, but visitors receive a \$1 discount by donating a canned good.

The Mt. Healthy Haunted Hall, 7700 Seward Ave., (513) 729-1974. Hours: 8 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Lovedale Castle Haunted Towers

Haunted towers will be held every Friday and Saturday night in October, including Halloween night. Admission is \$6.

Lovedale Castle Haunted Towers, 12023 Shore Dr., (513) 683-4686. Hours: 7 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Haunted Village

The historic Heritage Village in Sharon Woods Park offers a haunted house and graveyard, a straw maze and carriage rides, among other things.

Admission is \$8.

Haunted Village, 14450 Lebanon Pike, (513) 563-9484. Hours: 6 to 9 p.m. Friday; 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Check out the remaining issues for the month of October for more Halloween fun.

Theater Review

'The Crucible' brings passion to stage

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"The devil is loose in Salem," Mary Warren, a character in Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," says at one point in the play.

It would appear that the devil has also found his way on stage at Northern Kentucky University in Director Samuel J. Zachary's rendition of Miller's 1953 work.

In "The Crucible," Miller revisits a period in American history where many were being condemned falsely for being witches. With his fictional account of this historical period, there is some basis to truth. Miller brings forth the tale of the Salem Witch Trials of 1692.

The play begins with Williams (Linzie Greive) and her friends starting a lie to save their skins from a whipping by claiming that the devil made them dance and do evil things. The lie spirals into a massive inquisition of many of the townspeople, who the girls claim they saw with the devil.

John Proctor (Andrew J. Bernhard), a farmer who just wants to mind his own business, is thrown into the town's events when his wife Elizabeth (Andrea Scheu) is accused. The accuser is Williams, who at one point in the past had relations with Proctor.

It is through Proctor and the townspeople's tale, that Miller shows how passion can sometimes overcome reason.

Keeping this in mind, Zachary fills his interpretation of Miller's work with an ardor that flows from the stage into the audience's very being.

Zachary's direction can be seen in the actors' portrayals of the characters. From the beginning, the audience senses exactly how each character is supposed to feel. At times the audience was on emotion overload. It was a little overwhelming. Throwing people on the ground and screaming to express frustration or anger is fine, but not in excess.

There were times when the actors expressed the rage in perfect harmony with the characters' feelings. The scene when Bernhard's "Sweet Charity," "Cyrano de Bergerac" character found out that his wife had been accused, is a perfect example.

Bernhard's acting was so convincing that I was ready to run on stage and shake some sense into the ignorant people who actually believed in witches and could accuse people who, in fact, were innocent.

Greive and her entourage of girls claiming to see the devil had me believe that the devil really had come down to torture them. One scene in particular, toward the end of the play, when all the girls were writing on the ground, screaming, pointing to the air and staring horrified at what they claimed was before them, made me want to get up and give them some medicine to calm their nerves. I remember thinking, if Prozac had been invented back then, maybe the trials would never have come to pass.

Other actors did just as well when it came to developing the characters for the audience. Schae proved herself as she went from a distrustful wife—sitting straight-backed, answering abruptly and questioning constantly—to a wife who finally realized the goodness of her husband, hugging and understanding him.

John West ("Sweet Charity," "Too Good to Say Goodbye") played the overzealous Reverend Samuel Parris with as much fervor as the character deserves.

With his desire to prove the devil's presence in the town, West shows the audience how his character loses himself in his zeal to provide the truth. It is not until the end that the audience understands how much Parris regrets his decision of being a maniacal man of righteousness when he falls to the ground, begging Proctor to repent because Parris realizes his mistake.

Even though West's character might have made a mistake in judging those who were condemned, Gretchen Vaughn, the costume designer, didn't slip one bit with the apparel that was shown on stage.

The costumes fit perfectly with the era. Puritan-like dresses and outfits set the mood without a doubt. The audience felt not only the emotions of the characters, but also what it was like to live in 1692.

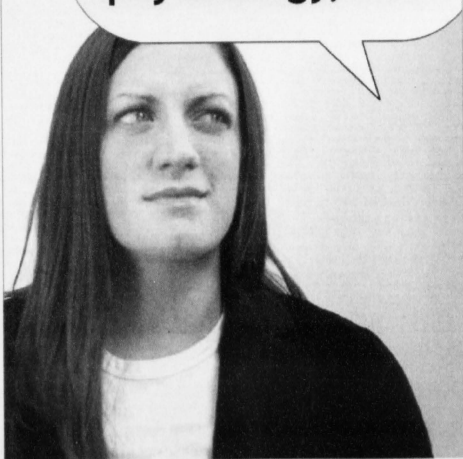
With the help of costuming, acting and directing, NKU's Department of Theatre and Dance kept Arthur Miller's play "The Crucible" alive and well in the 2000s.



TIM DOWNER/Photo Editor

Clockwise from left: Linzie Greive, Annaliese McCoy, Kathleen Anderson, Katlin Becker and Sarah Peak star in Arthur Miller's play "The Crucible" performed by the NKU Theatre Department.

so... psychology, huh?



Way to go buddy.

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Students learn music through experience

NKU now offers people the chance to enroll in the Chamber Orchestra or the Community Orchestra, which could entice high school students to attend the university.

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The department of music will raise the curtain to unveil its orchestral program in a concert featuring Northern Kentucky University's two new orchestras Monday, Oct. 13, in Greaves Hall.

This semester marks the first time interested students could enroll in either the Chamber Orchestra or the Community Orchestra for university credit. The Chamber Orchestra consists of only string performers, while the Community Orchestra consists of strings, winds, brass and percussion.

"This will be an exciting cultural birth," said Dr. Paul Kreider, music department chairman. "The addition of an orchestral program brings a facet of music culture not yet experienced at NKU on a regular basis."

Assistant professor Dr. David Cole serves as conductor of both ensembles and director of orchestral studies. In addition to leading rehearsals, Dr. Cole teaches music appreciation, music literature and violin lessons.

"I think things are going well—there's a real enthusiasm, a really great work ethic and our string faculty has recruited some absolutely marvelous students," said Dr. Cole.

Among the members of the string faculty is the Amerinet Quartet, an ensemble that has been referred to as "accomplished and intelligent" by The New York Times. As part of a \$2.5 million gift from Patricia A. Corbett, the Amerinet Quartet became the Corbett String Quartet in Residence at NKU.

"We've got one of the top string quartets in the world here, and the entire faculty is very supportive of the new orchestras," said Tristan Sutton, freshman music performance major.

Sutton plays double bass in both the chamber and community orchestras, and he said his instructor Owen Lee, principal bassist with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, is "just awesome."

The department considers this new type of musical training vital to students entering music performance careers after college, Kreider said.

"In order to afford our students an opportunity to succeed," said Kreider, "we must train the instrumentalists in the orchestral experience." This type of experience is "most beneficial" to activities professionals are likely to encounter, he added.

"In any school of music, an orchestra is one of the things you must have to show people you're serious," Cole said.

In addition to the cultural, educational and artistic benefits, the music department believes the orchestras will serve as a recruiting tool for the university.

"That's why I came here," said Sutton.

Cole said he feels that these ensembles will continue to attract prospective students by offering new musical experiences, as well as the unique educational philosophies of NKU.

"I think there are people who will come here for the things that make this place positive," Cole said. Small class sizes and higher student-teacher interaction allow for musical opportunities not found at larger schools.

Also, high school students will be able to participate in the community orchestra before entering college, "which helps entice them to attend NKU," Kreider said.

But most music students haven't forgotten about the most important aspect. "I think just to make music is most important and a lot of fun," said Roxana Mendoza, junior music performance major, who plays cello in the chamber orchestra.

Mendoza is a transfer student from the Universidad de Veracruzana in Xalapa, Veracruz, a province in Mexico. When asked what the orchestras needed most at this point, she smiled and said "more cello."

For more information, or to audition for either ensemble, contact Dr. David Cole at coleda@nku.edu.

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—Dr. Paul Kreider

Sports Scene

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Volleyball team served lossBy MORGAN McCLOSKEY
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After losing to conference rival Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Friday night, Northern Kentucky University's women's volleyball team regrouped and dominated the University of Missouri-St. Louis winning the third set to nothing, Saturday.

NKU controlled Missouri St. Louis in the first game of the match winning 30-16.

The next two games would prove to be a little more competitive, as Missouri-St. Louis kept the scores closer, and even jumped out to an early lead in the third game, before, Kristen Koralewski served seven consecutive points in a row. Koralewski also ended them with a service ace.

NKU's record improved to 13-7 overall and 6-1 within the conference.

Koralewski led the team with 19 kills and 14 digs, her ninth double-double in ten games.

Marcela Cunha returned from injury this weekend and played the setter position for the first time in a year and a half.

Cunha finished with 49 assists and five digs. Senior Nicole Salisbury also pitched in with 15 kills, 14 digs and a .481 hitting percentage.

In the loss on Friday, SIUE defeated NKU 3-0. The loss was the first conference loss

for the Norse and the first time SIUE has beaten NKU in five years.

NKU dropped all three games with scores of 30-24, 30-26 and 33-31.

After being outplayed in the first two games, the Norse went on the offensive in game number three.

The game went back and forth throughout, before SIUE pulled ahead taking a 27-24 lead. But the NKU stayed resilient, as they rallied to capture a 30-29 advantage.

However, SIUE would go on a 4-1 run eventually winning the match, as a kill attempt from NKU's Kristin Koralewski was blocked to end the match.

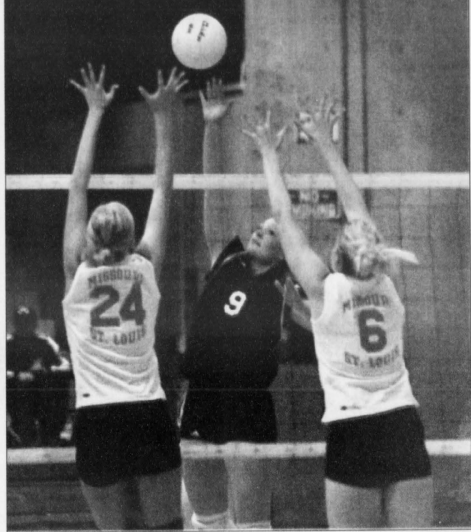
Kindra Westendorf led SIUE with 10 kills, seven digs and a .455 hitting percentage. Andrea Voss aided in the effort, with 12 kills and a .435 hitting percentage.

In game number one of the match, Cammi Welter became just the sixth player in NKU history to surpass 1,300 kills.

NKU has two more games next week against conference foes, St. Joseph's and Indianapolis. The Norse will then travel to Edinboro, Pennsylvania to take part in the Edinboro Invitational on the weekend of October 17.

The women's volleyball teams next home game will be Oct. 24 against Lewis beginning at 7 p.m. in Regents Hall.

*Kyle Burch contributed to this article



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Senior Cammi Welter finds a way to get the ball past two MSU defenders to score the point.

Tennis team finishes undefeated

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Going undefeated through conference play isn't something out of the ordinary for NKU's women's tennis team but that doesn't mean it's an easy task.

This season marks the fifth out of the last six years that the Lady Norse tennis team has finished the season with an undefeated mark.

"We weren't expecting to go undefeated," said Head Coach Geoff Crawford, "but we knew that if we played up to our potential that we would have a shot at having a lot of success."

Success is exactly what the team has accomplished. The Norse enter this weekend's Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament, with an undefeated 9-0 record, and the number one ranking. Crawford believes his team is prepared for the tournament, but according to him there is still a lot of work to be done.

"Our singles play has been our strength throughout," said Crawford, "we will use the time before the tournament to continue to improve our doubles play.

That will just make the team that much stronger."

The overall 9-0 record is proof that this NKU team relies on each and every person to step up when needed. The team has seen leadership from seniors Elizabeth Brunsmann and Heather Gilmore, and has gotten big contributions from freshmen Becky Dister, Kari Goodrich and Renae Wright.

Dister has enjoyed success in her first season of collegiate play, something she says wasn't what she really expected. "I didn't really know what to expect," said Dister. "I thought I would have some success but I wasn't sure how much."

Dister and junior Jessica Smith both finished the season 8-0 in singles play, while Brunsmann and junior Lyndsay England ended singles play at 8-1. The freshmen were expected to be a strength at the beginning of the season but according to Crawford, they have exceeded their expectations.

"No one has let down," said Crawford, "and the team has overall played extremely well."

The doubles play has gotten a

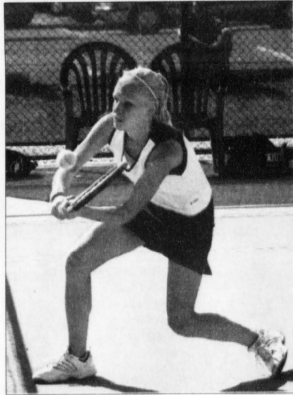
big boost from Wright, who has teamed up with England compiling a record of 6-0, and paired with fellow freshman Goodrich, for a 3-0 record.

The tournament gets under way on Saturday in Indianapolis, and will run through the weekend. The winner of the tournament gets an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament, which takes place in the spring. Dister believes the team has a good chance of coming out on top at the end of the weekend.

"If we all play our best," said Dister, "we should be able to win the tournament."

With a victory in the tournament the team would be able to advance their regional ranking, and would be invited to the NCAA tournament in the spring. Crawford, however, says his team isn't looking past anyone.

"We feel like we should get a strong regional ranking in the NCAA tournament," said Crawford. "We still need to take the conference tournament match-by-match because we will be facing some real tough competition."



TIM DOWNER/Photo Editor

Becky Dister has been a big contributor to the undefeated season.

Golf team focuses on spring season

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The NKU men's fall golf season concluded this past weekend, ending a pretty successful season for the Norse.

According to senior Glenn Davidson, the fall season has set up nicely in preparing them for the spring.

"Coming into this year we wanted to be better than last season," said Davidson. "I think we've done that, with the help of a strong recruiting class."

The strength of this freshman class was seen right from the start, after freshman Jerod Cahill placed first in the season's opening tournament, the Northern Kentucky University Invitational.

The Norse used that strong performance from Cahill, and coupled it with a second place finish from Davidson (who shot a two-



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day total of 150) to win it's host tournament. The tournament was a good measure for the Norse to see how well they would be able to stack up against other Great Lakes Valley Conference teams.

NKU put on another strong showing at the Fall Regional meet in Coldwater, Michigan. This was the most important tournament for the men. It is

the first of three regional meets (the other two being held in the spring) and an eighth place better finish is needed in all three tournaments, in order to qualify for the regional meet at the end of the spring.

NKU placed fifth overall in this tournament, led by a ten-hole finish from Brandon Parsons, and a 24th place finish from Davidson. David Shearer,

another freshman stepped up in this tournament shooting a 151 and finishing in 48th place.

"David (Shearer) has really been playing like a veteran," said Davidson. "All of the freshmen have the ability to shoot low scores on any given day."

The fifth place finish keeps NKU in the running for a spot in the regional tournament in the

spring. It will be the fifth consecutive year they have qualified for the tournament.

Something Shearer believes will continue at the conclusion of this season.

"We've qualified every year I've been here," said Shearer. "The spring season is usually more important than the fall so we will just have to keep it going."

Athletes work hard to find time

The life of an athlete can be great. Lots of money, big houses, playing a game for a living, but before athletes can get to that level most of them have to spend time playing their way through college. Going on long road trips, having to make up tests and assignments because of games, spending practically every waking moment on campus.

A campus the size of NKU, is filled with hundreds of student athletes. Hundreds of students who come to college for the specific reason of competing and playing sports at a higher level.

For these student athletes, being on a collegiate team is their full-time job. Most of these students gain scholarship money in order to help pay their way through college, others who have walked on a team, rely heavily on other means of income to pay their way through college. Without this money from the university there would be no way all of these players could afford their education, while still playing a sport.

Regular students often find times to go on vacation or time away for a weekend during the school year. Student athletes have a chance to go out of town, however they don't have time to enjoy their trips, when they go out of town they are there to compete and to represent NKU. Unlike to junior Tommy Unkraut, a member of the baseball team, the time invested, is on e of the most difficult things to deal with.

"During the season it gets really tough," said Unkraut. "It's almost like you're playing catch-up all year long with your schoolwork. It's really like a full-time job."

Senior, men's basketball player, Sean Rowland, also finds the time commitment needed as the hardest part of playing sports in college.

"The time and the traveling definitely starts to get to you," said Rowland. "There has been times, where we have returned from an eleven hour bus trip and went straight into the gym to practice."

Besides getting their tuition paid, there are some other perks that student athletes receive because of their position on a school team. They get their trips paid for, get some free clothing, and get exclusive use of the athletic facilities around Regents Hall.

Being a student athlete really takes a lot of commitment. And these athletes must really love their sport to keep playing it throughout college.

"It's rough," said Unkraut, "but I've never even once thought about quitting."

Most students are busy outside school with jobs or family, but most student athletes have these things to worry about plus their sports.

With all of the missed time in class, student athletes are usually given an agenda or schedule to follow. This tells them what needs to be done, and when. It allows the athletes to stay somewhat caught up in class on a day by day basis.

"The teachers pretty much understand," said Rowland. "We don't get treated any differently, except we get to miss classes due to games."

This is the only really keeps the athletes busy, but in the end it pays off for all of them.

"I love just playing and competing," said Rowland. "I probably wouldn't be in school without it."

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Women's Soccer

The Norse kept their Great Lakes Valley Conference record unblemished, as they defeated the University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2-0, Friday.

Katie Guegle and Katie Hanck provided the offense, each with a goal in the second half leading NKU. Amy Martini and Lindsey Thieken got the assists.

Laurel Chalk's goal with less than five minutes remaining in regulation Sunday afternoon snapped a 1-1 tie and gave the Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team a 2-1 win over the University of Southern Indiana at Strassweg Field.

With five minutes remaining and the score tied at 1-1, NKU's Lindsey Thieken spotted Katie Hanck on a Norse throw-in. Hanck dribbled the ball to the end line, and she crossed the ball into the box. Chalk received the cross in front of the goal and drilled a four-yard shot past Southern Indiana goalie Casey Hrvatin to give NKU a 2-1 lead at the 85:54 mark, and the Norse defense held on for the victory. Freshman Amy Law tallied her fifth goal of the season as NKU won its fifth straight match and improved to 9-2-1 overall, 5-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Men's Soccer

Scott Wittenborn's goal with less than two minutes remaining in regulation Friday night snapped a 1-1 tie and gave the University of Missouri-St. Louis men's soccer team a 2-1 win over NKU.

Wittenborn knocked in the winning score off a pass from Alen Jujic, who tracked down a free kick from Jeff Facchin. Wittenborn finished off the play with a goal at the 88:09 mark, and Missouri-St. Louis held on for the victory.

Jeremy Robertson tallied NKU's goal in the first half off an assist from David Botos, and the score remained tied until the closing two minutes.

Cross Country

The men's cross country team took part in the Lakefront Invitational in Chicago, placing twentieth in the 34 team field. Doug Fulmer led the field for the Norse finishing in 142nd place with a time of 26:44.

*Sports Information contributed

NFLpicks



with Elias Hagar

If there is one thing I know for sure that will not happen in week six of the NFL, it is this: the Bengals will not lose.

Neither will Detroit, Minnesota or San Diego because they are all idle.

Oakland, however, will head to Cleveland to take on the Browns, who surprisingly spanked the Steelers on Sunday night, 33-13. If Tim Couch starts and plays like he did against the Steelers, the Browns should have no trouble against the struggling, aging Raiders who lost to the lowly Chicago Bears Sunday.

I think Cleveland's defense will shut down the Raiders' predictable offense, and Tim Couch, if he starts, will have a big game. I like the Browns, 24-14.

The Steelers will try to bounce back from an embarrassing loss to the Browns Sunday night, but will have their hands full with the Denver Broncos in one of Sunday's late games. The key for the Steelers is its passing game.

If Maddox can limit his mistakes and make a couple of big plays in the passing game, the Steelers have a good chance on the road.

The Broncos, on the other hand, must give the ball to Clinton Portis at least 25 times if they want to penetrate that tough Steelers run defense. I like the Broncos at home against my Steelers, 23-13.

Monday night's battle between the Atlanta Falcons and the St. Louis Rams should be fairly even, considering both teams are missing its star players.

Atlanta is still without starting quarterback Mike Vick, and St. Louis will be without running back Marshall Faulk.

I think the Rams can win without Faulk, but Atlanta has shown that backup QB Doug Johnson doesn't have what it takes to lead the Falcons to victories.

The Rams led by QB Marc Bulger, and receivers Isaac Bruce and Torry Holt win big, 31-16.

The Carolina Panthers have been one of the surprising teams this season, having gone undefeated thus far. I think they get a reality check this week however, as they head to Indianapolis to take on the high-powered Colts offense.

Colts quarterback Peyton Manning has been on a tear this season.

He threw six touchdowns in the Colts Sunday night win last week against the New Orleans Saints.

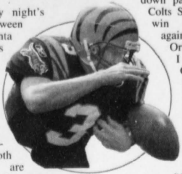
I like the Colts in a tight one, 17-9.

Last, but not least, the Buffalo Bills head to the Meadowlands to take on the lousy New York Jets.

Sure Buffalo had to go to overtime to beat the Bengals, but the Bengals are better than the Jets. Yes, I did say the Bengals are better than the Jets.

New York quarterback Vinny Testaverde is too old and too inconsistent to lead the Jets past the Bills.

If Chad Pennington were starting, I'd give the edge to the Jets at home. He's not, so the Bills will win 24-10.



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Women's Tennis

Friday, Oct. 10
at GLVC Championships

Saturday, Oct. 10
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Men's Soccer

Friday, Oct. 10
vs. SIUE @ 8 pm

Sunday, Oct. 12
vs. Quincy @ 2:30 pm

Volleyball

Friday, Oct. 10
at St. Joseph's @ 8 pm

Saturday, Oct. 11
at Indianapolis @ 1 pm

Women's Soccer

Friday, Oct. 10
vs. SIUE at 5:30 pm

Sunday, Oct. 12
vs. Quincy at noon

Women's Golf

Thursday, Oct. 9
at Eastern Kentucky University

Friday, Oct. 10
at Eastern Kentucky University

Saturday, Oct. 10
at Eastern Kentucky University

Shields

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"We have talked about it," said Kelsey, "but this was the first real confirmation of it actually happening."

Shields also has been upfront about the possibility of his retirement to any recruits that have been interested in NKU. "I've told all of the recruits, for the past couple of years that there was a possibility of me retiring," said Shields. "It's

been very important for me to be very truthful and upfront about this to everyone. That is why I am making the announcement so early."

Shields' impact on not only the campus, but the entire Northern Kentucky community, was evident at the press conference.

Many members of school administration and local media

professionals, as well as the entire men's basketball team and all members of his coaching staff, were in attendance.

Shields has used his position at NKU to touch many lives and make a lasting impression on his players, with 27 of his former players coaching in some capacity at the high school and college levels.

"I've been blessed with play-

ers who were committed to become the best they could be," said Shields.

Shields plans to stay involved with the NKU community by continuing his duties of being a part-time teacher, something that NKU President James Votruba believes will be greatly appreciated by the university.

Ken Shields is first and foremost a teacher," said Votruba.

"Great teachers make great coaches, and great coaches make great teachers."

Shields says he plans to spend more time with his family, which includes his wife, five children and nine grandchildren.

According to Athletic Director Jane Meier, activities will be planned to celebrate the final season under Coach

Shields.

No possible replacements have been named to succeed Shields however many members of his coaching staff have been with him for many years, including assistant coaches Pat Ryan (15 years) and Dave Bezold (13 years). Meier says that the search for a replacement will not begin until the early spring.

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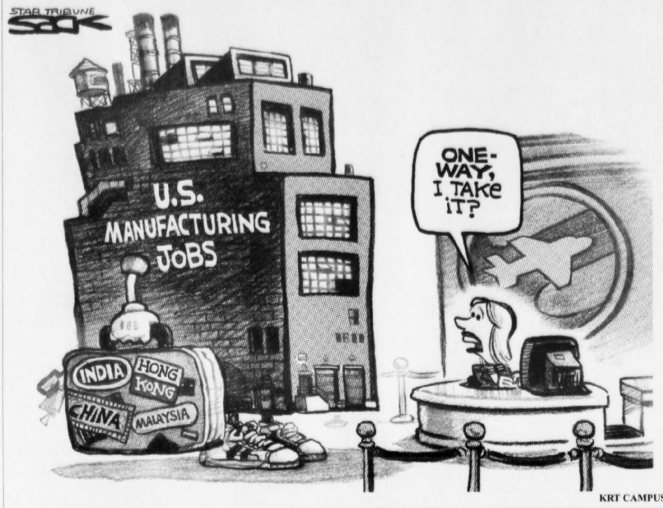
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Don't wait until it's too late

National Depression Screening Day free to students looking for counseling, education

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Seven years ago this month, my dad killed himself. He was 46.

Seven years ago this month, National Depression Screening Day began.

It may have been too late for my dad, but it's not too late for someone else.

On Oct. 9, NKU's Health Counseling and Prevention Office will offer free screenings to anyone who may feel overwhelmed with their classes, family and everyday life.

According to the National Mental Health Association, 19 million people suffer from depression or anxiety disorders. Statistics from the Surgeon General show that in any given year, more than 54 million Americans have a mental disorder. The scary part is, fewer than 8 million seek treatment.

While my dad tried to do a good job of hiding his illness from the family, he still showed signs, and could have been helped with earlier intervention.

Unfortunately, we were too uneducated and afraid to recognize the evidence until we covered him after his first attempt—a crumpled heap on the floor, the result of a drug overdose.

Looking back, the signs were obvious. He was barely sleeping or eating, his mood would dramatically fluctuate, and he tried to "make up for lost time," but never seemed to enjoy himself.

Sometimes he would tell my mom that he knew that he would never live to the age of 50, and sometimes he would talk as if that day was the last day of his life.

The last time he left our house, he appeared clearly distressed and repeatedly told my siblings that he loved them.

The goal of National Depression Screening Day (NDS) is to educate and help students talk confidentially about depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Even if you don't believe that you are suffering from depression, educate yourself for the future.

Our society holds the stigma that people who suffer from mental illnesses are "crazy," and that suicide is a "selfish" act. Through education and NDS these beliefs can be eradicated one person at a time. The reality is that those with mental illnesses suffer from diseases that are just as ravaging to their bodies as cancer.

Those who complete suicide do not commit "selfish" acts; they have become so tired of fighting physical battles that their mentality is affected, and they believe that the only way of "fixing" the situation is by ending their lives.

My dad had a very stressful childhood, grew up too fast and never learned how to utilize the life he had. We discovered that after he died, he had threatened to kill himself years before, but no one took him seriously. Like many people who commit suicide, he reached out for help but never received it.

As students in college, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by grades, projects, work, family and outside influences. It's not necessary to have a ton of things to bog down your mood—sometimes it's the weather or a chemical imbalance. Thanks to 9/11 and a slow economy, everyday anxiety can become a problem.

For those who are afraid of attending a person-to-person screening, the Health Counseling and Prevention Office has included the personal screening online, which will provide immediate feedback as well as helpful

resources.

Even if you've been in a "funk" or have been feeling "blue" for a few days, it never hurts to know your resources. Don't learn the hard way, like I did. Ask questions now, not later.

There may not be a later.

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Minorities may be at higher risk

Suicide a complex phenomenon

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In the year 2000, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that 29,350 Americans took their own lives and 734,000 attempted it, making suicide the eleventh-leading cause of death and the third-leading cause among young Americans (ages 15-24). Government statistics show that 6.08 percent of those who committed suicide were decreasing the risk of suicide.

However, many questions about suicide remain unanswered because the appropriate infrastructure to adequately address the reasons is missing.

What data does show are that one of the major causes

for suicide is depression.

The majority of suicidal people visit a doctor in the months or weeks before their deaths, but not Hispanics.

As a study found that only 24 percent of anxiety with depression or anxiety received appropriate care.

Some of the reasons include:

- **A lack of access to services:** Thirty-three percent of the Hispanic population are uninsured and 21.4 percent of them live below the poverty level).

- **Language barriers:** Close to 40 percent of Hispanics living do not speak English well. Diagnosis and treatment of depression, among other mental disorders, depends greatly on the ability of the patient to explain symptoms to their doctor and understand steps for treatment.

- **Cultural constraints:** Suicidal thoughts, depression and mental illnesses are a taboo subject for most

Hispanics, making them less likely to ask for help or talk about it with relatives or friends.

In the year 2000, 1,787 Hispanics committed suicide; 1,515 were male, compared to only 262 females.

No one really knows why people commit suicide.

Physiologists have found that those with low serotonin levels are more likely to be victims than those with higher amounts.

Psychologists talk of personality disorders, feelings of hopelessness, helplessness and alienation.

The field of sociology discovered that suicide rates are as much a sociological factor as they are psychological.

French sociologist Emile Durkheim found that single people were more likely to commit suicide than those married. Protestants more likely than Catholics and urban residents more than rural ones.

Durkheim argued that suicide was related to the nature of the bonds between self and

society.

In 1999, for the first time, U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher issued a call to action to prevent suicide, defining it as a "public health hazard."

In a supplement to a report on mental health, Satcher emphasized that minorities face the greatest challenges, partly because so many of those communities have gone without treatment or have been given substandard care.

Bottom line, suicide is a highly complex phenomenon that involves the interactions between genetic, psychological, biochemical, cultural and social factors.

Prevention begins with awareness and the nation's ability to understand the problem fully.

"We cannot wait until we have enough African-American psychologists or American Indian or Hispanic psychiatrists," Satcher said.

"We must today find a way to make our system more relevant to the needs of these populations."

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Letters or the editor Editor still doesn't get it

"Cox and her staff have clearly devoted a great deal of time and a great deal of print space to this particular letter. I have to wonder why."

To the editor,

Lori Cox ("Student: words not my own," Oct. 2003) is right on one point. The idea that Barbara Ehrenreich's work is "liberal propaganda infused with religious bigotry" did not originate with anyone named Orndorff—at least as far as I know.

But that thought also did not originate from Michael Tremoglie writing about Ehrenreich in Front Page Magazine. According to Tremoglie, that came from "some legislators in North Carolina."

I can only hope the ever-vigilant Mr. Cox will forgive me for not using a footnote here, but they make for rather boring and hard-to-read letters to the editor. Much of the material from Tremoglie which seems to have worked Ms. Cox into a froth

involved statements about wages, benefits, taxes and businesses which Tremoglie apparently gleaned from public sources somewhere, which he does not reveal.

But this, of course, isn't the main point, even though Cox, who seems to have nothing important to do, appears to be obsessed with it.

The real issue is that this is Trey Orndorff's opinion, too. I did help him dig up material on Ehrenreich for the letter about which Lori Cox spends so much time and effort complaining. Trey and I both thought someone needed to reveal something about Ehrenreich's leftist, socialist leanings. So now, that exclusive interview with Barbara Ehrenreich by The Northernner, in which she is asked hard-hitting questions about her socialist views, just never happened. Surprising?

Something, however, needed to be said because we clearly did not get so much as a mention of Ehrenreich's views in the stories about Ehrenreich in The Northernner before her university-sponsored appearance on campus.

Even after her appearance, her far-left stance came up in The Northernner only because some students, including Trey, bothered to stage a protest before Ehrenreich's presentation.

When Lori Cox spoke to me about this letter, I asked her how much time The Northernner staff typically devoted to investigating letters to the editor. Her answer was, shall we say, more than a little ambiguous. Perhaps someone needs to interview Lori Cox.

Cox and her staff have clearly devoted a great deal of time and a great deal of print space to this

particular letter. I have to wonder why. Could it be that the real concern is not with the sources of information in the letter, but in the content of that information?

Since the point of the letter was to challenge the "fluff" that passed for reporting The Northernner originally did about Ehrenreich, it does make one wonder just a little.

Where is the equity in a publication with an editor who seems to bend over backwards to harass those with an opinion anywhere to the right of the far-out left? (Or is she just out to "expose" members of the Student Government Association?) Where is the professionalism in an editor who speaks rather casually to my son and me, and then quotes us out of context? Where is the judgment in an editor who thinks her hysteria about a letter to the edi-

tor is a headline story above coverage of a gubernatorial candidate's campaign promises?

The status of "reporting" in The Northernner is interesting, to say the least. For example, Ms. Cox was able to find an editor at the left-leaning Kentucky Post who agrees with her, and this is supposed to be news. Does this pass as a "journalism" at NKU? Now, before I send this, let me do a quick check. Do I need to footnote anything here? I can only hope this meets the approval of NKU's official and only "Ministry of Information"—otherwise known as The Northernner.

Harold N. Orndorff, Jr. (Note: While I am campus minister with the Christian Student Fellowship at NKU, the views expressed here have no connection to CSF).

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north poll responses

Compiled by Tim Downer

Ben Chandler and Ernie Fletcher are the two main candidates for the governor of Kentucky. Can either one of them get the funds Northern Kentucky University needs?



David Mukasa
Freshman, accounting

"If they say they will promise it, then they should do it."



Sean Colvin
Freshman, undeclared

"I believe they could. I don't think they'll lie."



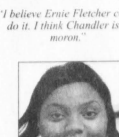
Kristian Greer
Freshman, pre-dentistry

"Who would make a promise they can't keep?"



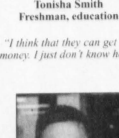
Heather Gilmore
Senior, communications

"I believe Ernie Fletcher could do it. I think Chandler is a moron."



Tionisha Smith
Freshman, education

"I think they can get the money. I just don't know how."



Peter Raasch
Freshman, computer science

"I don't think so. Have you ever been a politician come through for you?"

How to write the editor:

The Northernner welcomes input from the campus community.

- E-mail submissions to northernner@nku.edu or visit the online edition at www.thenorthernner.com.
- Letters must include name, telephone number, year in school and major
- Letters must be 400 words or less
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Error not quite headline news

"I expect it resulted more from the passion of politics than from a lack of ethics"

To the editor,

Last week I wrote a letter critical of the opinion piece "Author [Barbara Ehrenreich] promotes socialist agenda."

This week I wish to chastise mildly The Northernner for its handling of the discovery that that opinion piece contained ideas and words lifted without acknowledgment from a website. The plagiarism was wrong. I do not defend it.

Nevertheless, I expect it resulted more from the passion of politics than from a lack of ethics.

When people work themselves into a state of hysteria, they often think irrationally and behave badly. I've seen it in professors as well as students.

But was this isolated incident worth a front page, headline story? I don't think so.

More appropriate, I believe, would have been a box on the Viewpoints page containing these and words that the writer Trey Orndorff might agree with, but that he in fact did not write. We very much regret that we published the piece.

A more appropriate and more interesting front page follow-up to Barbara Ehrenreich's visit to our campus would have been an article about the salary gap between NKU faculty and its supporting staff; or the incredibly low salaries paid to most NKU part-time faculty; or how the extraordinary rise of tuition at NKU (and at state universities nationally) has affected students' lives.

Paul Ellis
Director, NKU Learning
Assistance Program

Follow the honor code

"Unethical behavior has damaged the reputation of the university. Serious action should be taken."

To the editor,

Northern Kentucky University is an academic institution. Students pay tuition at Northern to receive a quality education and to receive the university's endorsement. This endorsement certifies a student's academic achievement in the form of a degree. The reputation of an institution is vitally important in determining the value of its endorsement.

The university's own academic reputation is directly related to the perceived value of the degree issued. Therefore, the university's reputation is of the utmost importance to students of the university.

The completion of a college degree requires years of work and no small amount of funding. This hard work and commitment should be regarded with absolute respect.

I find it absolutely disgusting that representatives of the university have tarnished their own reputations, as well as the university's through poor academic integrity.

Scholarship is an honorable and worthwhile pursuit. Academic success is not an easy accomplishment. The hard work of Northern's students should be protected from the destructive actions of irresponsible persons. The actions of one can and often do cast a shadow over the integrity of an institution. I believe that such a situation has come to pass within our university.

Recently, The Northernner was plagued by a rash of plagiarism. Specifically, I am referring to research misconduct that took place in the college of business and the latest case of plagiarism committed by vice president of academic affairs for the Student Government Association, Trey Orndorff.

I am concerned that both of these incidents have weakened the academic reputation of Northern Kentucky University. The second of the two previously mentioned incidents is especially disturbing, because it came from the vice president of academic affairs. Such a

position should carry a responsibility to uphold the integrity of the institution of which he or she is associated. Such an act can directly damage the reputation of a university. Of course, any damage done to the university's reputation is then passed on to its students. These reprehensible actions have insulted and damaged the work of the university's faculty and students.

I believe that the university took commendable and appropriate action in the handling of misconduct within the college of business. NKU made it quite clear that plagiarism will not be tolerated from faculty members.

The university Honor Code also governs work submitted by students in the process of completing an academic project. The Honor Code is a vital tool in protecting Northern from ridicule. My concern is that the Honor Code does not hold students accountable for plagiarism committed outside the classroom.

Northern should take direct action against all forms of plagiarism, committed by representatives of the university, regardless of where these violations are committed, especially when such violations occur in published media that is sponsored by the university.

The recent controversy surrounding Trey Orndorff provides an opportunity for Northern to protect itself from the practice of plagiarism. Trey Orndorff is the vice president of academic affairs for the SGA.

Orndorff is therefore a representative of academics at Northern Kentucky University. In a recent article published by The Northernner, Orndorff produced a document found to be "60 percent" plagiarized. This fact was recently exposed and published in The Northernner. This unethical behavior has damaged the reputation of the university and makes it clear that such behavior should be taken against this kind of behavior.

Kenneth Crawford
Senior, history

Student: Letter was plagiarized

To the editor,

The purpose of this letter is to address the recent controversy concerning the letter to the editor from Mr. Trey Orndorff and the subsequent story about it written by Lori Cox.

Copyright law does not state that something must be published in order for it to be copyrighted. To write or create something (text, image, etc.) original means that it is protected under copyright law. However, plagiarism is a completely different matter, though the distinction is subtle.

Plagiarism, as defined by Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language, Second Edition, means to take ideas, writings, etc. and pass them off as one's own. Messrs. Orndorff did plagiarize the article from Front Page Magazine. There is no question. The similarities are overwhelming! Squabbling over copyright law is of no consequence in this matter. Ignorance is no excuse, anyway.

The issue of whether or not one can adopt the ideas of another is also irrelevant. No one can be blamed for hearing

or reading something, agreeing with it, and accepting it into his or her belief system. The issue is the acknowledgment of the source, the person with the original idea.

Why was Harold Orndorff (Trey's father) making contributions to a student publication, anyway? This is glaringly inappropriate. I am disgusted by Harold Orndorff's defense of, "Technically, you can't plagiarize a letter to the editor." Mr. Orndorff, plagiarism does not have to be official to be plagiarism. On him saying that The Northernner "should leave students alone and express their opinion," all I can say is that, in Trey's letter to the editor, Trey was mostly expressing someone else's opinion.

Unlike Harold Orndorff, I am glad the authenticity of the letter was scrutinized. I would like to offer my thanks to Lori Cox and the editors of The Northernner who contributed in any way to her story. I am thankful you gave us the truth. After all, what is the job of a newspaper if not to report the truth?

Daniel Moore
Junior, photography

Honesty, ethics matter

To the editor:

I am writing to respond to an article in the Oct. 1 Northernner, which reported that a letter to the editor published on Sept. 24 had been plagiarized. According to the article, approximately 60 percent of the student's letter was taken verbatim from an article posted on the Internet.

In his dictionary of 1755, Samuel Johnson defined plagiarism with one word: "thief."

The NKU Student Honor Code uses a few more words, defining plagiarism as "representing another's work, in whole or in part, as one's own, including those involving use of the Web, Internet or other electronic resources." However many words we use, it comes down to the same offense: taking someone else's work and making it your own. I believe that it is one's own constitutes an act of dishonesty.

The rule of honesty is not limited to classroom assign-

ments. It applies to all the writing we do. It applies any time we borrow ideas, regardless of whether the source is a book, a newspaper, a magazine, the Internet, or even one's own father, mother, sister, brother, friend, or roommate. Claiming credit for someone else's work is unethical.

We should all read to interact with the ideas of others when we write.

Engagement with a variety of opinions is essential to helping us form our own opinions. However, whenever we quote, paraphrase, summarize or mention the ideas of others in our writing, we are obligated to give credit to our sources.

Honesty is an essential ethic for a university campus and our society. We are all fortunate that the editors of our campus newspaper hold ethics submitted for publication to this ethical standard.

Dr. Jonathan S. Cullick
Director, NKU Writing
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